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1. WITH SUMMIT CALL FOR "VIGOROUS LTDP FOLLOW-THROUGH,"
EWG FACES TASK (REF A) OF PREPARING A REPORT ON "ADDITIONAL
WORK AND OTHER ACTION REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE LTDP PROGRAMS."

2. WE SEE THE INITIAL TASK OF THE EWG AS SORTING OUT
LTDP MEASURES FOR EACH OF THE NINE PROGRAM AREAS INTO:

THOSE AGREED; THOSE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT NEEDING FURTHER WORK TO REACH FULL AGREEMENT; AND THOSE DESIGNATED FOR FURTHER STUDY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A SUBSIDIARY OR COLLATERAL (E.G., LOW-COST/NO-COST) CATEGORY, WHICH ALSO REQUIRES ASSIGNMENT OF ACTION AS APPROPRIATE, BUT THIS SHOULD BE HANDLED SEPARATELY.

3. WE SEE EWG REPORT OF 1 AUGUST AS ALSO RELATED TO NATO ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONITORING AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, COORDINATING IMPLEMENTATION OF LTDP. PETRIGNANI SAYS THIS WILL BE COVERED IN SEPARATE LUNS REPORT ON STRENGTHENING

MACHINERY. HOWEVER, IT IS RELEVANT TO PROCEDURES TOO. WE INTEND TO FIGHT HARD FOR CONCEPT OF PROGRAM MONITORS. THESE SHOULD BE INDIVIDUALS, NOT COMMITTEES, WITH ONE FOR EACH PROGRAM -- TO REPORT PROGRESS TO EWG, TO COORDINATE PROGRAM ACTIONS WHERE APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE, AND TO RECOMMEND CHANGES IN PROGRAMS WHERE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY. WE THINK USE OF PROGRAM MONITORS WOULD SIMPLIFY EWG WORK AND WOULD MAKE EXPERTISE AVAILABLE ON PROGRAM COVERAGE AND ADEQUACY WITHOUT DETRACTING FROM NORMAL STAFF AND COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES. WE DO NOT ENVISAGE PROGRAM MONITORS AS HAVING ANY DIRECTIVE AUTHORITY, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO NATIONS AND COMMITTEES AS IT IS RELEVANT TO THEIR WORK. APPOINTMENT OF PROGRAM MONITORS SHOULD BE MADE BY CONFIDENTIAL

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DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION, IN LIGHT OF SYG LUNS' REPORT ON ORGANIZATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY EWG. THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE SHOULD AUTHORIZE THEM TO DISCUSS PROGRAMS WITH NATIONS AND NATO AGENCIES, AND TO SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES IN PROGRAMS AS APPROPRIATE. THESE OF COURSE WOULD BE REVIEWED AND COLLATED BY EWG.

4. WE THINK EWG SHOULD INDICATE THAT THE REPORT TO MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 1978 WOULD REFLECT INITIAL NATIONAL ACTIONS AS WELL AS NATO ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS (EWG, CNAD, MNCS, ETC.) IN GETTING LTDP UNDERWAY, THAT THE REPORT FOR SPRING 1979 WOULD REFLECT COMPLETION, IN MANY CASES, OF THE ADDITIONAL WORK NEEDED IN FLESHING OUT PROGRAM DECISIONS, AND THAT THE FIRST FULL PROGRESS REPORT COVERING ACTIONS BY COUNTRIES AND AGENCIES ON ALL PROGRAMS IS ENVISAGED FOR FALL 1979. BEGINNING IN FALL 1979, FALL REPORTS TO MINISTERS SHOULD BE PROGRESS REPORTS, AND SPRING REPORTS SHOULD RECOMMEND ANY NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE CHANGES IN NATO PROGRAM OBJECTIVES OR TIMING, BASED ON PROGRESS, PROBLEMS, OR CHANGING SITUATIONS.

5. IN SUMMARY, OUR OBJECTIVES ARE:

A. TO SUSTAIN MOMENTUM GENERATED BY SUMMIT VIEWS.

B. TO GET LTDP FLESHED OUT AS NECESSARY, WITHOUT ANY UNNECESSARY DELAY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED MEASURES WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE FURTHER NATO DESCRIPTIVE WORK.

C. TO FULLY ENGAGE THE DPC COUNTRIES IN CAPITALS AND IN EVERE IN FLESHING OUT THE LTDP AND IN VIGOROUS FOLLOW-THROUGH.

D. TO FACILITATE NATO MONITORING AND COORDINATION
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TASKS BY USE OF A PROGRAM MONITOR FOR EACH PROGRAM.

E. TO ESTABLISH CONCEPT OF CONTINUED REPORTING TO MINISTERS.

F. TO BUILD A BASE FOR STRENGTHENING NATO STAFFS AS NECESSARY TO DO THE JOB.

6. REQUEST SOONEST YOUR VIEWS ON SUITABILITY OF ABOVE APPROACH FOR USE WITH IS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS AS APPROPRIATE, AND FROM A TACTICS/TIMING STANDPOINT, YOUR ASSESSMENT OF HOW SOON IS AND OTHER DELEGATIONS WILL BE PREPARED TO GET ON WITH THIS WORK. IN OUR VIEW, IS DRAFT WILL NEED TO BE AVAILABLE BY EARLY JULY TO MEET 1 AUGUST DEADLINE.

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